

NS-US035107

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Makoto OHTAKE et.al :  
Serial No.: New :  
Filed: Herewith :  
For: PARTICULATE FILTER :  
REGENERATING DEVICE :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-26 are pending, with claims 1, 16 and 17 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.